GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WATER DISPUTES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether water disputes could be the cause for next war between India and Pakistan as reported in the Tribune dated April 10, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) The Pakistan Foreign Minister is reported to have said on April 8, 2007 to a private TV channel that water disputes could become the cause for future wars in South Asia. However, the Pakistan Foreign Minister subsequently clarified that his statement was misunderstood.